

In the Specification:

Please substitute the following for the abstract of the application:

An arrangement, method, and system for personalizing published software for the specific authorized user, to discourage the making and distributing of unauthorized copies. Protection is well-suited to network distribution of software, including Java applications and applets. The personalization is incorporated into the software build and delivered to the authorized user with embedded pre-existing personal information, without requiring user input during setup or installation, and can be displayed during installation and use in title bars, user notifications, file listings, and so forth to deter unauthorized distribution by prominently identifying the authorized user. Incorporating the personalization does not require any manual entry by the authorized user, and can thus be protected against tampering by strong cryptography with complex keys. The software can also incorporate the personalization into output files and require input files to have a valid personalization, for further protection against tampering.